

EXHIBIT A

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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YEHYA MUSTAPHA AGHBARIYA, Arabic Male, Date of Birth (DOB) April 14, 1968, Israel Identification Number 02328173, was interviewed at HADARIM PRISON, near Netanya, Israel, where he is serving three life sentences for the murder of three Israeli soldiers. AGHBARIYA speaks Arabic and was interviewed with the assistance of Language Specialist CAMILLE GHORRA. Also present during the interview were Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) WALTER "TERRY" FURR and Israeli Police Officer RAFI NURIEL. AGHBARIYA was advised prior to the interview that no additional charges, American or Israeli, would be brought against him for anything disclosed to the interviewing Agent during the interview. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the interview, AGHBARIYA stated as follows:

The interviewing agent discussed with AGHBARIYA the facts surrounding his incarceration and the killing of three Israeli soldiers in the Pitchfork Incident. AGHBARIYA declined to discuss the specific facts of the killings again, but did state that he recalls following the killing when he was interrogated by Israeli Police. He recalls every question and every answer he gave during the interrogation. AGHBARIYA stated that he told the Israeli interrogators the truth during his confession and he fully stands by his confession to date. AGHBARIYA stated that no one forced him to give his statement or confession. AGHBARIYA advised that his statement or confession to Israeli interrogators was voluntary and that no one physically touched him or used any physical pressure or force against him at any time in obtaining his confession and statement.

AGHBARIYA stated that at the time of the terrorist attack against the Israeli soldiers that he was not formally part of any specific terrorist organization. AGHBARIYA stated that before the terrorist attack that he belonged to the SHIEK RA'AD party but left that party prior to the terrorist act.

AGHBARIYA stated that all Palestinian prisoners in the Israeli prison system receive financial support payments from the Palestinian Authority.

AGHBARIYA stated that he did not know and has never had any relationship with anyone named SAMI AL-ARIAN. However,

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AGHBARIYA did not deny that he may have received money from someone named SAMI AL-ARIAN in Tampa, Florida. AGHBARIYA specifically stated that "It is possible that this happened." AGHBARIYA stated that the money would come into his account while he was in prison, but since he was in prison he would not know who sent the money or where it came from. AGHBARIYA stated that it is common for people outside the territories to hear about his terrorist activities. Since these people know he has a family they would send him money. AGHBARIYA stated that this was "very common".

AGHBARIYA advised that following the terrorist attack, he was imprisoned for approximately one and one-half years in solitary confinement. After solitary confinement he was placed in a cell with other prisoners. AGHBARIYA advised that these prisoners were mostly members of the PALESTINIAN ISLAMIC JIHAD (PIJ). AGHBARIYA stated that he was not a member of the PIJ before but when he was placed in this cell he became a member of the PIJ because most of the other prisoners in the cell were also PIJ. AGHBARIYA stated that he was a member of the PIJ for approximately one year when he converted to the FATAH organization. AGHBARIYA stated that he chose the FATAH organization over the PIJ because FATAH accepts the reality of trading land to the Israelis for peace instead of the PIJ proposition that all of Palestine must be returned to the Palestinians.

AGHBARIYA stated that prior to his arrest he had no previous convictions and that he completed the 10th grade in school. AGHBARIYA advised that "ABDEL BASSET" is another name that he uses.